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METHOD, OPTICAL SIGNAL RELAY DEVICE, AND OPTICAL SIGNAL STORAGE  
DEVICE USING THE SAME

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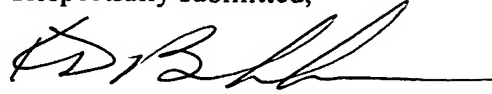
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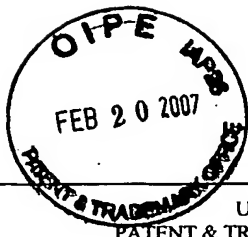
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